(c) Does not arise. However, under Bharat Nirman programme, it has been decided, *inter-alia,* to provide safe drinking water in water quality affected rural habitations in the country over a period of four years (2005-06 to 2008-09). The State Governments, including Andhra Pradesh, have been requested to prepare Action Plans for the purpose and Concept Papers for bridging the funding gap with external funds under focused funding in the sub-mission programme.

Implementation of land reforms

†3178. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the identified land reforms in the Tenth Plan have been construed as important policy measure for poverty alleviation in the rural areas;

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this regard in the Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if the progress is not satisfactory, what steps are being taken by Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Land and its management comes under exclusive jurisdiction of States. Ministry of Rural Development plays an advisory and coordinating role in the field of land reforms. Reports received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh indicate that 54204 acres of ceiling surplus land has been distributed to 46867 beneficiaries. 15748 acres of the ceiling surplus land has been distributed to 16041-SC beneficiaries and 20771 acres of the ceiling surplus land to 18297 ST beneficiaries. 1.41 lakh acres of bhoodan land and 0.79 lakh acres of Government Wastelands have been distributed to rural poor. 95.33 lakh acres of area has been consolidated in the State.

Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

3179. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent any instructions to States and

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